

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the first responders to
the Indiana State Fair Grandstand stage collapse on August 13, 2011.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, On August 13, 2011, hundreds of first responders from the Indianapolis Fire Department, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Indiana State Police, and Emergency Medical Services arrived at the scene of the Indiana State Fairgrounds in response to a report of the collapse of the grandstand stage;

Whereas, As thousands of concert attendees attempted to escape the collapse, dozens of firefighters, police, and emergency medical technicians raced in to assist the injured, never once pausing to consider that their own safety was at risk;

Whereas, The rapid arrival of the first responders set the tone for the entire rescue effort. The leadership and confidence of these first responders commanded respect and put the injured victims at ease, knowing their safety was in the hands of knowledgeable professionals;

Whereas, After an unexpected event that yielded a number of victims that even the most seasoned professionals would find daunting to attend to at one time, firefighters, police, and emergency medical technicians were able to locate, triage, treat, and transport forty-six victims in just one hour;

Whereas, An overwhelming outpouring of assistance was demonstrated by volunteers and off-duty firemen who arrived on the scene to assist the rest of the response units. Individuals took on roles that went far beyond their official duties, accelerating the rescue efforts; and



Whereas, The heroics of the men and women who responded to this tragedy inspires us all. In the wake of an emergency of a magnitude that Indianapolis has not seen in many years, these individuals provided extraordinary response efforts while saving lives and promoting public safety: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the heroic
2 acts of the first responders to the Indiana State Fair tragedy on August
3 13, 2011.

4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to all of the individuals who
6 responded to the events on August 13, 2011.

